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REMARKS

Claims 11 - 13 are now pending in this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks.

REJECTION TO CLAIMS 1-10

Claims 2 - 4 and 7 - 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as failing to define the invention and as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 - 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson in view of Martin. Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watson in view of Martin and further in view of Hnizdor. Claims 6 - 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lucas in view of Martin.

These rejections are respectfully traversed. Claims 1 - 10 have been cancelled. Applicant requests that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS 11 - 13

New claims 11 - 13 have been added. The invention as claimed is a fish hook or lure having a metal body which is exposed for contact with water. A winding is formed around the body. The winding is also of a metal exposed for contact with water and is insulated from the metal body by an insulating layer between the body and winding. The body and winding are of dissimilar metals so that upon immersion in water the resulting electrolytic action between the two dissimilar metals results in the generation of an electromagnetic field to attract fish.

In contrast, Watson discloses a fish hook with an oscillator connected to the hook. The oscillator is enclosed within a casing which includes a battery to power the oscillator. Watson therefore does not show a winding disposed around the body of the hook with both the hook body and winding being exposed to contact with the water and being of dissimilar metals to cause an electrolytic action which results in generation of an electromagnetic field. Martin teaches a magnetic pick up for such uses as automotive engine testing. The pick up of Martin includes a coil enclosed within an outer casing. Martin also fails therefore to teach the use of a coil exposed for contact with water. Neither Lucas or Martin either singly or in combination teach the relationship of winding and body now claimed, with both being exposed for contact with water and formed of dissimilar metals.

Hnizdor teaches a fishing fly. The combination of Hnizdor with Watson and Martin does not in any way overcome the deficiency of Martin and Watson to teach the invention.

Lucas teaches an electromechanical sound generator for a fishing lure. In Lucas, an electromagnetic noise generator is mounted within the body of fishing lure and is powered by a battery. The generator includes a winding, but the winding of Lucas is within the interior of the lure and is not exposed for contact with the water. There is no teaching of the claimed relationship of exposed winding and body of dissimilar metals to generate an electromagnetic field by electrolytic action upon immersion into water. The magnetic pick up of Martin likewise includes an enclosed winding likewise not exposed for contact with water for the purpose of generating an electromagnetic field by electrolytic action and consequently neither Lucas or Martin teach or render obvious the invention of the currently pending claims.

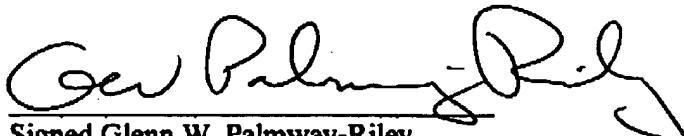
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None of the prior art made of record and not relied upon teaches or renders obvious the claimed invention of the body of exposed metal, the exposed winding disposed around the body and insulated therefrom, with the winding and body being formed from dissimilar metals so as to generate an electromagnetic field by electrolytic action when the winding and body are exposed to contact with water when immersed therein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or accommodated. Applicant therefor respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsiders and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding office action. The Applicant who is a US citizen but resident overseas will telephone the Examiner so that any issues still requiring response can be dealt with.

Respectfully submitted



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